

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending and stand rejected. All pending claims are believed to be allowable over the references cited by the Examiner as discussed below. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance for the present application is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Mitchell.

Mitchell discloses an electronic components cabinet 20 having rectangular side frames 23 each *covered* by a side panel 34. Each side panel 34 has a raised center portion 36 and venting slots 37 around the periphery of the side panel 34 for cooling air circulation. (Col. 2, lines 40-47). The periphery of the side panel 34 is shown to have 4 angled faces each with end edges *attached to end edges of adjacent angled faces*. In other words, Mitchell's cabinet has side panels that cover the side frames 23 rather than side panels that *extend between* support corners. Mitchell's cabinet also has angled faces that have end edges attached to end edges of adjacent angled faces rather than angled faces with end edges that are *substantially attached to the corresponding pair of the support corners*.

In contrast, independent claim 1 generally recites a frame structure having four support corners defining four sides, each side *extending between* a corresponding pair of the four support corners. A first side wall includes rails extending between the corresponding pair of support corners. At least one of the rails is angled and having an angled face with an exterior and an interior edge. The angled face has two end edges each extending between the exterior and interior edges that are *substantially attached to the corresponding pair of the support corners*.

Independent claim 8 similarly recites that a rack for a rack mount computer system generally includes a first side wall having rails extending *between* corner posts. At least one of the rails is angled and having an angled face with an outer and a recessed edge. The angled face has two end edges each extending between the outer and recessed edges that are *substantially attached to the corner posts*.

Such a configuration as recited in each of independent claims 1 and 8 can facilitate in providing resistance to racking deformation. (See, e.g., specification paragraphs [0025]-[0028]). For example, the configuration provides longer connections (e.g., weld joints where the rack or frame structure is formed of a metal) between the end edges of the angled faces and the

corresponding pair of support columns between which the angled face extends in order to increase stiffness and thus provide resistance to racking deformation of the electronics frame structure or rack.

Mitchell fails to disclose or suggest such a configuration that provides resistance to racking and thus Mitchell fails to anticipate either of independent claims 1 and 8. Furthermore, not only does Mitchell fail to disclose or suggest such a configuration, Mitchell expressly states that his side panels 34 do not contribute to *any structural stiffness*. Rather, Mitchell specifically states that “where fully open cabinets are desired, the user may choose to omit side panels 34 *without sacrificing structural stiffness.*” (Col. 3, lines 2-4, emphasis added). Indeed, because Mitchell’s side panels 34 merely cover the rectangular frames 23 rather than extending between corners of the frame, the side panels 34 does not contribute to any structural stiffness.

Thus, withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 1 and 8 as well as claims dependent therefrom under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter accompanying this document is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 and/or any other relief is required, Applicant hereby petitions for any required relief

including Extensions of Time and/or any other relief and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. **50-1217** (Order No. **GOOGP012**).

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